

## TRACY KILLS SELF

NOTORIOUS OREGON OUTLAW PREFERS DEATH TO CAPTURE.

Shoots Himself in the Head While Surrounded by a Posse in a Washington State Wheatfield.

LAST ACT OF A DESPERATE MAN

WHO WAS DANGEROUSLY WOUNDED AND HAD NO HOPE OF ESCAPE.

Citizens of Creston Find Him in a Farmhouse and a Running Fight Soon Follows.

DISPUTE OVER THE REWARD

STORY OF TRACY'S AND MERRILL'S ESCAPE FROM PENITENTIARY.

Fate of the Latter and Wanderings of the Former, Who Is Alleged to Have Killed Nine Men.

SPOKANE, Wash., Aug. 6.—Harry Tracy, the notorious outlaw, whose escapades have attracted the whole country's attention for the past sixty days, lies dead in a wheatfield, a bullet from his own revolver in his brain. Cornered, wounded and desperate, Tracy took his own life. Sheriff Cuddehe, of Seattle, who came across the State to take up the long and baffling chase, positively identified the outlaw at the inquest to-day.

Tracy's death was intensely tragic. For two days he had terrorized the occupants of the Eddy ranch out in the Lake creek country three miles from the little siding of Fellows, on the Central Washington Railroad. Then five determined citizens of Creston, hearing of his presence there, took their rifles and revolvers and went after him. They knew their man and acted accordingly. When Tracy ran they plunged boldly after him. Sighting the men and securing his rifle, Tracy sought cover behind a haystack, escaping several rifle bullets. The posse then found cover behind a large rock and while it looked like a stalemate, Tracy broke for a large bowlder lying on the edge of a small wheat field, and this dash was his undoing, for just as he came to the rock he fell forward, a rifle bullet having broken one leg. He plunged into the wheat, leaving a bloody trail.

After receiving the wound Tracy crawled seventy-five yards on his hands and knees in order to reach a spot that would command the posse and enable him to fire upon them. But once only was he able to fire from his vantage point. Then weakened by loss of blood he tried to staunch his wound, failed and with his revolver sent a bullet through his brain. By this time dusk had fallen and the posse, unaware of the seriousness of his wound and fearing that his escape was intended to lure them into a deadly ambush, posted themselves to prevent his escape and patiently waited for the dawn. During the night others came on the scene and joined in the cordon. At daylight they found the outlaw's dead body. None of the posse was wounded, though all of them had narrow escapes. When they were firing from the cover of their rock they had to lift their heads above the cover, and every time this was done Tracy's rifle rang out and a bullet chipped the rock.

DETAILS OF THE FIGHT.

How the Outlaw Was Discovered, Wounded and Killed Himself.

SPOKANE, Wash., Aug. 6.—Harry Tracy's wonderful flight of nearly 400 miles across Oregon and Washington after baffling the officers of both States since June 5, when he and David Merrill escaped from prison at Salem, will long live in criminal annals. The posse that will share the reward for his capture dead or alive was made up as follows: C. A. Straub, deputy sheriff, Dr. C. E. Lanier, Maurice Smith, attorney, J. J. Morrison, railway section foreman, and Frank Lilgenfeld. These men, armed to the teeth, set out from Creston yesterday afternoon about 2 o'clock. They were working on the information of the Goldfish youth who had been forcibly made the companion of the Oregon convict for over twenty-four hours at the ranch of L. B. Eddy, on Lake creek, about three miles south from Fellows. The party made all possible haste in getting to the ranch. When within a few hundred yards of the farm they encountered Farmer Eddy mowing in one of his fields. While engaging him in conversation they saw a man issuing from the barn door.

"Is that Tracy?" asked one of the party.

"I surely is," replied Eddy.

The party separated, Lanier and Smith accompanying Eddy in the direction of the barn, while the other two men swung around to the other side. Two of the men stepped behind the barn on a slight eminence, from which they could watch everything that went on, and Eddy continued on to the door. Tracy came from the barn again and began helping his host unhitch the horses. He carried no rifle, although he had his revolver in place. The fugitive finally saw the men carrying rifles and, turning sharply to Eddy, said:

"Who are those men?"

"I do not see any men," said Eddy.

Tracy pointed out the two men on the hill. Eddy informed his companion who the men were and the outlaw made a leap for the barn door. The pursuers, stepping closer, commanded "Hold up your hands." The outlaw jumped behind Eddy and placed first the farmer and then his horse between himself and the pursuers. He commanded the farmer to lead his horse toward the barn and, remaining under cover, quickly reappeared, rifle in hand, and started on a dead run. Turning on the two men nearest him the desperado fired two shots, but without his usual luck, neither bullet taking effect. Without waiting for further advice, Tracy made a dash for the barn, leading south from the barn and headed for the brush. In an instant the man-hunters were in pursuit. Coming to a rock, Tracy dodged behind it and, resting

his gun on the rock, began a fusillade. Eight shots in all were fired by the outlaw, not one hitting his mark. Tracy then bolted for a wheatfield close by. At the edge of the field he stumbled, falling on his face and crawled into the grain on his hands and knees. It was growing dark and the pursuers, unable to move in closer, decided to surround the place and wait for daylight. In the meantime Sheriff Gardner, with Policemen Stauffer and Gemmerin, of Spokane, Jack O'Farrell, of Davenport, and other reinforcements, had arrived on the scene and they went into camp around the field during the night.

SHOT THAT ENDED TRACY'S LIFE.

Shortly after Tracy disappeared a shot was heard from the direction of the wheatfield. No investigation was made, however, until this morning. As soon as dawn came an entrance was made into the wheatfield. Tracy's dead body was found lying amid the grain with his face turned toward the sky. His left hand thrown over his head held a revolver, which had inflicted the death wound. The thumb of his hand was on the trigger of the pistol. His right hand, thrown across the lower part of his body, firmly grasped the barrel of the famous rifle. Death was inflicted by a revolver held close to the forehead. The top of his head was badly shattered. Two bullet wounds on the left leg showed the cause of the man's despondency. One shot had broken the leg between the ankle and the knee. The other cut the tibial artery which, of itself, was sufficient cause for death. It is believed that both of these wounds were received after the convict left the shelter of the rock and made his break for the wheatfield. The outlaw had taken a strap and buckled it tight around his leg in attempt to stop the bleeding. In spite of the strap the bleeding continued until he probably realized his hopeless condition and ended the struggle. He was dressed in blue overalls, a white shirt and wore no coat or vest. He wore a bicycle cap and a pair of rough shoes. He had one rifle and two revolvers.

Sheriff Gardner, of Lincoln county, and his assistants, arrived on the scene in time to help in the final discovery of the remains and it is stated, he maintained that he and his deputies were entitled to at least a share of the booty. This was disputed by the Creston party, the members of which maintained that they did the work and to them belong the reward. Finally, Sheriff Gardner was allowed to take the body with the understanding that he recommend that the reward be paid to the men from

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## WHIPPED BY WHITECAPS

THREE MEN BOUND, MERCILESSLY LASHED AND ORDERED TO LEAVE.

Reign of Terror Near Perryville, Ky.—Victims of the Night-Riders Threatened with Death.

HARRISBURG, Ky., Aug. 6.—Thirty masked men mounted on swift horses and heavily armed caused a reign of terror in the neighborhood of Perryville, ten miles from this city last night, and severely flogged William Goodnight, George Russell and Wallace Bottom, residents of that section. The men rode into Perryville from the direction of a large cave north of town, which was the rendezvous of the tollgate raiders who terrorized the community several years ago. They dashed through Perryville at a terrific speed and proceeded to the house of Goodnight, on the Mackville. Quickly but quietly surrounding the house they called for him to come out, or be cremated, as they intended to burn the place if he refused. When Goodnight appeared in response to their summons he was securely bound, although several members of the party plied the lash unmercifully. He was then ordered to go to work, leave the country at once or "get a rope" the next morning.

Leaving Goodnight the White Caps went to the home of George Russell, in the same neighborhood, and gave him a severe beating. They then called on Wallace Bottom, whom they served in a like manner. Goodnight says he recognized several of the party, and some arrests may follow. Some of the posse are noted as being members of the White Caps, were left at the doors of several good citizens, but they were treated as a joke.

## MUST SERVE SENTENCES

JUDGE GOFF DECIDES AGAINST WEST VIRGINIA STRIKERS.

Ruling in the Habeas Corpus Case a Great Disappointment to Miners and Their Counsel.

CLARKSVILLE, W. Va., Aug. 6.—Judge Goff, this afternoon, in a lengthy opinion, decided the habeas corpus case against the miners and agitators and remanded them to the custody of the marshal and sheriff and they will be removed to Parkersburg to serve the remainder of their sentence. The judge said the only question was as to the jurisdiction and that the Guarantee Trust Company, of New York, was entitled to a standing in court, and it was not absolutely necessary for the Fuel Company to be a party in the suit. The decision is a great disappointment to the miners and their counsel say that no other action can be taken at present at least.

Judge Goff read his decision from typewritten pages. He was occupied twenty minutes in reading the decision, at the end of which he directed that an order be drawn remanding the prisoners to the Wood county jail. "Mother Jones was an interested spectator in the audience, and looked up as a vagrant 'Jimmie' McDougall, who had been arrested at the decision, seemed to be disappointed at the decision. Marshal Elliott left at 7:30 to-night for Parkersburg with the prisoners, where they will enter the Wood county jail to serve the rest of the sentence imposed by Judge Jackson. At the depot "Mother Jones encouraged the martyrs, as she calls them. She said: "Our cause is God's cause, and will triumph in the end."

Has Nothing to Say.

Secretary Wilson had nothing to say about the decision of Judge Goff that Judge Jackson had jurisdiction in the cases of the mine workers sentenced to prison for agitating a riot. He said an appeal will likely now be made to President Roosevelt for pardon for the prisoners.

## SHE WAS A POPULAR 'BOY.'

Arrest of a Woman Who Masqueraded as 'Jimmie' McDougall.

ROCHESTER, N. Y., Aug. 6.—Much excitement has been caused in the town of Chili over the discovery that a woman, who boy, for the past nine weeks, has been one of the most popular urchins in the town, and familiarly known as "Jimmie" McDougall, is Mrs. Theresa De Hart, of Cleveland, O. Accused of masquerading and locked up as a vagrant "Jimmie" married "Max" De Hart in Cleveland, but after suffering much abuse, escaped during a night in May last, dressed in her husband's clothes, fell in with one Smith at Ashtabula and came East and secured a position as a farm hand at Chili.

## ACCORDING TO AGREEMENT CUBA NOTIFIES THE UNITED STATES OF A BUSINESS TRANSACTION.



## MATRIMONIAL MISFITS

EXCITING DAYS FOR HUSBANDS AND WIVES IN INDIANA.

Mrs. Tolton, of Westville, Returns from Chicago in Time to Save Tolton from a Trial for Murder.

SECURES A WIFE BY FORCE

YOUNG MAN PREVENTS WEDDING AND ELOPES WITH BRIDE.

Elkhart Man Sells His Wife for Thirty Cents—Marion Wife of John Brandon Tells Her Story.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

LAPORTE, Ind., Aug. 6.—The mystery surrounding the disappearance of Mrs. Estella Tolton from Westville, ten days ago, followed by the arrest of her husband on a charge of wife murder, following which he narrowly escaped lynching, was solved to-day by the location of the woman in the Salvation Army barracks, at No. 34 Dearborn street, Chicago. While in Chicago yesterday, John W. Cole, of Westville, met a woman whom he believed to be Mrs. Tolton. He stopped her and on inquiry learned that she was the person for whom the police of three States had been searching for since July 28.

He learned where she was staying and immediately communicated the information to Sheriff Small, who this morning went to Chicago and found the missing Westville woman at the place stated. She was informed of the serious trouble in which her husband was involved and explained absence. She returned to Westville with the officer this afternoon, the whole town turning out to meet her at the station. The excitement was intense, for the general opinion had been that Tolton had murdered his wife, and the return of the woman in the most unexpected way, had been a great relief.

When asked regarding her reason for leaving home under circumstances that led to the supposition that she had been foully dealt with, she said that, although her husband had been cruel toward her at times, he had insisted Sunday on her going to Chicago to be treated for a chronic ailment. She said she had been to Chicago and performed there for nothing, while the Westville people had been waiting for her. He had practically forced her to leave, she said, but had given her only \$5 to pay her expenses. She also admitted that she wanted to get rid of her. She had gone to a hospital on her arrival at Chicago, but the doctors said she was not ill. When told that his wife had been found alive in Chicago, he said: "That's what I said. Now I'll make it hot for them fellows that put me in for murder I didn't do."

Tolton started to walk to Westville from Laporte to-night. He insists that he will prosecute some of the prominent Westville people for the trouble they caused him.

## MARION WIFE'S STATEMENT.

Miss Bressler Talks of Her Marriage with Brandon—The Latter Found.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

MARION, Ind., Aug. 6.—Miss Bressler, otherwise Mrs. John Brandon, wife No. 3 of John Brandon, the alleged bigamist, made a statement to-day corroborative of the essential points printed in the Journal's story this morning. The dates of the marriages, as stated therein, she says, are incorrect. She says Miss Spangler and Brandon were married Dec. 20, 1900, and that she and Brandon were married on Jan. 7, 1901. She and her mother, she says, are the only persons in Marion who know where they were married, and this she refuses to state for the present. "He did go to Lima," she said, "as he told me. I saw him there. He intended to do, and there he met me. We were married and left at once for San Francisco. We were gone about three weeks and then re-

## FIGURES MAY BE HIGH

A FEELING THAT OWNERS OF LAND MAY GO TOO FAR.

Col. McCaskey Says an Army Post Would Be Worth Millions to the City of Indianapolis.

SITES BEING INVESTIGATED

ONE MAN, IT IS SAID, ASKS \$250 AN ACRE FOR LAND.

An Open Session Will Be Held at the Denison To-Night to Consider Value of Arsenal Property.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

PORT WAYNE, Ind., Aug. 6.—The fact leaked out to-day that Sheriff Stout has in his possession several affidavits against Hardy Mossman, a respected young man employed by the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railroad. He is charged with carrying concealed weapons, with assault and battery and several other misdemeanors perpetrated under exceedingly romantic circumstances. He had been courting Mrs. Grace Mossman, a young woman living with her parents, Dr. and Mrs. Geary, at Coesse, Allen county, but his suit was displeasing to the doctor, who arranged a marriage with a man from Bluffton for his daughter. By the use of his parental authority he induced her to marry the man from Bluffton. The Rev. L. J. Motesman, of Christ Lutheran Church, was called in and the couple had taken their places in the midst of family and guests when Mossman appeared. He was armed with a revolver and threatened to shoot the bride and groom. The Rev. L. J. Motesman, of Christ Lutheran Church, was called in and the couple had taken their places in the midst of family and guests when Mossman appeared. He was armed with a revolver and threatened to shoot the bride and groom.

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